


Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

The Church

With a Heart 

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Devotional Thought From the Pastor...

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

March 30—April 5, 2025

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Int. Harvest Church	1:30 pm
Praise Team	4:30 pm
Evangelism	6:30 pm

Mid-Week

FB/YouTube Bible Study

Wednesday

Bible Study	6:00 pm
Praise Team	7:00 pm

Worship Service

TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

TIME TO GATHER

Because He Lives

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here I Am to Worship

SCRIPTURE: Mark 13:22

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

TIME OF GIVING

Offering*

I know Whom I Have Believed

TIME IN GOD'S WORD

Message: Warning of False Teachers

2 Peter 2:1-22

Bro. Oscar

CLOSING PRAYER

*Please place offerings in the wooden box in back of the church.

Heirs of God's Salvation

Galatians 4:1, "As long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate."

When Abigail's parents died tragically in a car accident, she inherited a large real estate portfolio. She also learned that her parents had arranged to place the portfolio in a trust. For the time being, she could access only enough money for her college tuition. The rest would come when she was older. Abigail was frustrated, but she later realized her parents' wisdom in planning a measured delivery of the inheritance.

In Galatians 4, Paul uses a similar example to illustrate Israel's situation as promised heirs of God's covenant with Abraham. God had made a covenant with Abraham to bless him, and circumcision was a sign of that promise (see Genesis 17:1-14). However, the sign wasn't the promise. Abraham's descendants would await a future descendant who would fulfill it. Isaac was born and pointed to the future birth of a Son who would redeem God's people (Galatians 4:4-5).

Israel, like Abigail, had to wait until the "time set by his father" (v. 2). Only then could Israel take full possession of the inheritance. What they wanted immediately would arrive in due time with Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. All who put their faith in Christ were no longer slaves to sin, "but God's child" (v. 7). A new covenant has been established. We have access to God! We can call him "Abba, Father" (v. 6).

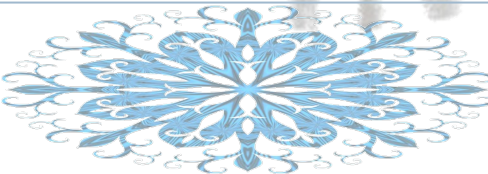
Stewardship Thought...

Psalm 100:1-3—"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture."

Joy and service spring from gratitude; God has made us and claims us as His own. Let us be stewards of every opportunity to praise God through our giving.

March Birthday

Kimberly Esquivel	3/17
Carla Pohl	3/15
Anna Jo Spotted Bear	3/19
Kristie Teneyuque	3/29



Ministry Gifts

Offerings for Budget	\$ 1,624.00
Designated Offerings	\$ 941.50
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 2,565.50
10% Taken out for Missions	\$ 162.40
Needed This Week for Budget	\$ 905.94

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Announcements...!

- **Mid-Week Activities—Bible Study**—EVERYONE is invited to join us for mid-week Bible studies on YouTube prior to Wednesday and at church on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. This week we'll begin in 1 Chronicles 17.
- **Next Sunday**—We will celebrate the Lord's Supper and the Church Council will meet after Worship.
- **Praise Team Retreat**—Remember, we will meet at the church this Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm.
- **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) for North American Missions**—The Week of Prayer for North American Missions begins today. This mission emphasis will run through the end of April. So far, our members have given \$1,550.00, even though today is the first official day of the AAEO!
- **Donations Toward Our Church and Various Ministries**—Please consider donating toward our **CHURCH BUDGET, WHICH IS OUR MOST CRUCIAL NEED**. Some of our ministry needs are our 2025 VBS, Operation Christmas Child (OCC), Children/Preschool fund, Youth fund, Sharing the Load, new A/C fund, Together We Build, Benevolent Ministries, Music Ministry, North American and IMB/International missionaries, J & T, Texans on Mission, Samaritan's Purse, , etc. You may place your donations in an offering envelope and write the name of the ministry/organization on a "Special Offering" line (the amount goes on the right). Remember to place your regular tithe on

the short line after the words, "Budget Offering." Then place all donations in the offering box in back of the church. Or—you may also send your donations through Zelle. The church's Zelle address is gfbf-fw@sbcglobal.net. Please do not make donations through PayPal.

• **Church Website**—If you have internet you can go to our website—<https://www.gfbf-fw.org>—to find lots of information such as sermon notes, pastor's weekly YouTube messages, Bro. Frank's YouTube Bible studies, giving opportunities, ability to leave prayer requests and much more.

• **Instagram**—Also, please remember to follow our church on Instagram at @gfbf-fw where you can receive inspiration and information!

• **Toiletry Items for the Homeless**—Since the homeless are always in need, please continue to collect travel-size toiletry items, and bring them to the church.

• **Budget Needs**—Please, prayerfully consider your part in support of our church missions, ministries, utilities, and upkeep. This week, we need to pay our electric and dumpster bills. How can you help? Please pray, trust God and be faithful.



»» When we contribute to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO), we become part of the greater story—new churches are established, tangible needs are met, and the name of Jesus reaches people in communities where the gospel is scarcely known. The gospel need in North America has never been more urgent. This is our moment to

make an eternal difference.

The 2025 theme is "**Step Into the Story.**" This year's scripture is 3 John 1:7-8, "For they have gone out for the sake of the name... Therefore, we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth."

North American missionaries need us—you and me—to step into their stories through our prayers and generous giving. Missionaries cannot do their work without us!

Every year, Baptists throughout the U.S. and Canada observe the **Week of Prayer for North American Missions** by praying for and giving to missionaries, their families, and their ministries in the U.S. and Canada. As said above, these missionaries need for you to **step into their stories** through your prayers as they often face opposition, discouragement and battle loneliness.

North American missionaries take the gospel to unreached communities throughout the U.S. and Canada. They need our prayers to open hearts and help them disciple new believers.

To fuel their work, missionaries also need our gifts to the AAEO. This year's national offering goal is \$78 million.

Every dollar, indeed every penny, given to the AAEO supports thousands of missionaries across the U.S. and Canada. Nothing is kept by our church, and nothing is kept or used for administrative purposes by the »» North American Mission Board (NAMB).



Today's Scripture

Mark 13:22, "For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect."

Warning of False Prophets 2 Peter 2:1-22

False Teachers

- False prophets/teachers have always been around, and they always will be.
- False prophets cause divisions that pit Christians against each other.
- False prophets not only give the truth a bad name, but they oppose God.
- God holds false prophets accountable for their deception.
- False prophets face God's coming judgement.

What Are False Prophets Like?

- False prophets often come from within the congregation, rather than from without.
- False prophets attempt to make their teachings look like true teachings so that no one notices the subtle difference.
- False prophets misrepresent grace and discipleship, teaching that there is no need for repentance or that certain behaviors are not sinful.
- False prophets are enslaved by their own corruption and sin.
- There were false prophets among the scattered Christians who had taken the same path as Balaam.

False Prophets Are Dangerous

- False prophets give nothing that will quench the thirst of the soul.
- False prophets invite others to a life of bondage after promising a life of freedom.
- False prophets cannot deliver the freedom they promise when they themselves are slaves to sin.
- False prophets may seem to offer spiritual refreshment, but their words are full of vain, empty claims that extract hope for sustaining spiritual life.

Conclusion

- We must believe and be committed to the true Word of God, and not man's personal interpretations that do not fit with the whole of Scripture.
- Peter warned the scattered believers to stay clear of false teachers.
- Freedom is not the ability to do whatever we want, because we are not free if we follow our sinful nature; we are slaves to that instead of God.
- The only way that we can have the moral compass needed to avoid false prophets is to trust Jesus Christ as our savior.
- The truth we seek, the living water for which we thirst is found only in Jesus Christ.



Remember in Prayer . . .



†Each week, please read through and update our prayer requests. Let us know if we need to keep praying for something or if the prayer has been answered.

†Please pray for continued strength and healing for serious health issues for Tony; for

Healing Prayers for All!



health issues for Bill and Alice; for Frank's hip to heal; for Manuel's niece's healing from cancer; for Cliff Denney's health; for Kevin to heal from pancreatitis; for healing for Herbert, Barbara and Kitty; for healing for a growth on Ashlyn's brain; for Paige and Kristie's health issues; for healing for Virgie as well as Rose E; healing for Carmon; for Oscar A; for Robert and Annie, Nora and Doyle; for John's head and memory; for Donna's vein procedures to heal quickly; for Laura's vision and memory issues; for Susen's eyes & feet; and for Susen's niece, Stacey.

†Pray for the Children—Continue praying for children, youth and teachers throughout the year. ❤️

†International Harvest Church and Ministries—Please continue to pray for the International Harvest Church and Ministries as they worship and praise God in the GFBC facilities. Pray for the missionaries they are supporting.

†Miscellaneous praises and prayer needs—Please pray

for comfort for Joe Johnson's family and friends since his death. Joe was the son of Billie Johnson. Prayers for Rachel and the family and friends of Lenny Sanders in their grief regarding his passing; for an unspoken need for Tiffany; for an unspoken request for Becky; for David's unspoken requests; praises and prayers for Paige, Jacob and Stetson; for an unspoken need for Nick; for an unspoken prayer for Donna; for Jim and his business; for family challenges for Daisy; for needs of the Polk/Flores family, their needs for God's guidance, and for Andrew's daughter; for Paige and Brian as they continue to learn how to care for Dakota's type 1 diabetes; for Jourdeah's best interest in her family and for unity in the Maroney family; for Chris and his little girl—Amiyah, and for their unspoken needs; for Ryan and his unspoken needs; for Genna, Nick and RJ's family needs; and for Shannon and Allison's relationship.

†Pray for our church—for our pastors and their families; for REVIVAL among our members; for our ministries, financial needs, and for a miracle involving the demolition of the south building.

†Pray for peace and protection in our nation—for North American missionaries; for Texans on Mission and their ministries around the state, nation and

world; for first responders and those who have suffered loss from various disasters; for the thousands in California who have lost their homes; for the homeless, refugees and those suffering from hunger in our nations; for large and small churches that are struggling; for wisdom for our political leaders, including our president, VP, governors, senators and congressmen; for our government officials to pass wise laws.



†Pray for the nations—for Samaritan's Purse as they minister to hurting people around the world; for our International missionaries; for J and T as they minister to Afghan refugees; for the peace agreement in Israel; for the situation in Ukraine to be resolved; for Burmese Christians and missionaries who remain in Myanmar; and for other Christians, missionaries and refugees who are suffering from persecution in Taiwan, N. Korea, India, Africa, Viet Nam, China, Russia, Turkey and other countries.



Prayer Works! ❤️

Prayer Requests & Announcements

You may email new prayer needs, announcements, edits and deletions to gfbcfw@sbcglobal.net or enter them on the website by Tuesday at noon, 12:00 pm. You may also text your prayer requests to 817-937-5974.